(f) if so, what is the difficulty in considering ITS Officers for such posts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sir, the Indian Trade service is manning the office of the CCI&E with a Cadre strength of two hundred thirteen officers. Some deficiencies are existing in the cadre structure which are proposed to be removed at the Time of Cadre review to be taken up by DOPT.

(c) Sir, Grant of Senior Time Scale to Grade-III of ITS officers is under consideration of the Deptt. of Expenditure and Deptt. of Personnel in respect of those officers who have completed 4 years services.

(d) Sir, No such proposal is under consideration with the Ministry of External Acairs.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The posting of officers in the Commercial Missions abroad are decided by Foreign Service Board of the Ministry of External Affairs and not the Ministry of Commerce. As mentioned no proposal of posting ITS Officers in the Missions abroad is pending with the Ministry of External Affairs.

Export of Carrdamom

3657. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cardamom is exported to foreign countries;

(b) if so, the quantum of cardamom so exported and the amount of money earned alongwith its per K.G. cost; and

(c) the names of the countries where cardamom is exported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantity, value and unit value realisation of exports during the last three years are given below:

(Qty: MT, Value: Rs. in Crs. Unit Value: Rs. per KG)

Item	1990-91			1991-92		
	Qty.	Val.	U. Val.	Qty.	Val.	U. V
Cardamom (Small)	400	10 87	271 54	553	16 07	290
Cardamom (large)	1077	4 91	45 54	932	4.76	51

(c) Cardamon (small) is exported mainly to Saudi Arabia, Japan, erst while USSR, UAE etc. and Cardamom (large) is exported mainly to Pakistan, UAE, UK, Singapore etc.

Export of Cinehona products

3658. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the value of products manufactured from Cinchona industry and exported to foreign countries during the last three years; and

(b) what are the names of foreign countries where such products were exported and the quannum of money value earned thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Export of products manufactured

Cinchona during the last three years have been as under:—

Year	Export (Rs. lakhs)
1989-90	nil
1990-91	3.75
1991-92	12.78

These products have been exported to Korea, Erstwhile USSR and Germany.

(Source: Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics Export Promotion Council, Bombay).

खुंभी का निर्यात

3659. **डा० बापू कालदाते :** क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपया करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खुंभी के निर्यात से काफी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की जा सकती हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ऐसे निर्यात को बढ़ाने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) खुंभी सहित फलों और सब्जियों के निर्यात को बढ़ाने के लिए कृषि और संसाधित खाद्य उत्पाद निर्यात विकास प्राधिकरण निर्यातकों को विभिन्न विकासात्मक योजनाओं के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करता है और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय खाद्य प्रदर्शनियों में भाग लेता है तथा क्रेता-विक्रेता बैठकें अयोजित करता है ।

Export of granite

@3660. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that our granite has big potential for export, if so, the names of the Indian companies which are preparing their plans in this direction;

(b) what are the current years figures of amount earned by semi finished and raw-blocks export of granite indicating average rate of growth in percentage and rate per acre of granite quarry lease rate; and

(c) whether it is a fact that by 1994-95 it is expected to touch Rs. 500 crores by way of export and if so, what are the Governments plans for further increase by the end of the decade?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir. Major Indian companies engaged in exports of granite and granite products include Gem Granites, Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited, Enterprising Enterprising Enterprises, Moon Rock Ages Pvt. Ltd., Obli Granite, Pooshya Exports Pvt. Ltd., Aman Granite, Coromondal Engineering Company Ltd. and Coromondal Agencies.

(b) Exports of rough/cut granite blocks and polished/processed granite during the current year (April-June, 92) are estimated at Rs. 46 crores and Rs. 34 crores respectively and the respective percentage growth over the performance during the corresponding period in 1990-91 was 33 per cent and 47 per cent. Quarrying lease rate varies from State to State.

(c) Exports of granite and granite products are expected to reach Rs. 900 crores by 1994-95 and the level likely to be achieved by the end of the decade cannot be indicated at this stage.

Targets for export

3661. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred

@Previously Unstarred Question 2509, transferred from 31st July, 1992.